

3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$1054.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, twenty-eight (28) sheets, Figs. 1-31.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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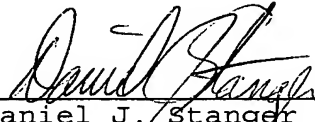
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7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi ULSI Systems Co., Ltd.

10. Priority of the following Japanese Applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 8-89613, filed April 11, 1996; and
No. 8-240401, filed September 11, 1996.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/023,660 as originally filed.



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